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#### **DWS shares best water regulatory practices with Nigerian counterparts**

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South Africa has increased its stature as a trailblazer in the water sector, cementing its role on the African Continent as a go-to country to source best practices in the field of water regulations.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), which is responsible for putting the country on the map, on Tuesday, 17 April 2018, hosted a six member delegation from the Nigerian Integrated Water Resources Management Commission to share best practices in various areas of water regulation.

This follows the Commission's request to the Department to share its experiences and best practices which it envisages to infuse into its own practices for sustainable water use.

The Commission's Director for Corporate Support Services, Dr Lawal Kola Maroot, said after the establishment of the Commission in 2007 – and looking at the water crises and the need to manage water in a sustainable manner – South Africa was identified as one of the key interest areas to source best international practices in water regulation.

Dr Maroot said the delegation has learnt a lot from South Africa given that it has gone far ahead of Nigeria in terms of water regulation, adding that Ghana was another country that one of their teams have gone to on a similar visit.

DWS's Chief Director: Transboundary Water Resources, Ms Duduzile Twayi, said the visit was to share with the Nigerian delegates the water regulatory best practices which covered the National Integrated Water Information System (NIWIS) and the Water Use Authorisation process.

Other topical practices that were shared included the Electronic Water Use License Application and Authorisation System, Registration and Revenue Collection (WARMS) and Water Tribunal.

Ms Twayi said the fact that South African was chosen as a country to visit showed that it was one of the best models in Africa and a key water sector from which the visiting delegate was learning.

"There is a lot that they have learnt from us. We are leading in the region as well as on the continent. This is especially so on issues of groundwater and drinking water capacity and our water quality system that is up to standard," she added.

Ms Twayi said the more South Africa integrated itself with the region; it would be able to share more of best practices.

The visit by the Nigerian delegate will culminate into a tour to the Vaal Dam in Deneysville in the Free State on Wednesday, 18 April 2018.



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“Following this visit we will formulate an agreement and shape the way forward for our bilateral relations,” Ms Twayi concluded.

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